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1. JP 57-200430 A, published December 8, 1982 to The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.
2. JP 1-197541 A, published August 9, 1989 to Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd.
3. JP 61-203145 A, published September 9, 1986 to Bridgestone Corporation.
4. JP 5-311006 A, published November 22, 1993 to The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd.
5. JP 4-359938 A, published December 14, 1992 to Bridgestone Corporation.
6. JP 2003-253051 A, published September 10, 2003 to Bridgestone Corporation.
7. JP 2003-176378, published June 24, 2003 with English Abstract.

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References 1-6 were identified in the ISR and one copy of reference 7 is submitted herewith.

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